Grant of citizenship to Nepalese

1587. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister made a statement in Darjeeling in December, 1986 to the effect that the Nepalese who had come to India after 1950 would not be granted citizenship;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Statement;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Sikkim has been demanding citizenship for about 30,000 'stateless people' in Sikkim; and

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any concrete decision in regard to parts (a) and (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a), (b) and (d) Yes, Sir. It was stated that the demand for citizenship of Nepalese who entered India after the treaty would not be entertained. In view of the Indo-Nepal Treaty of 1950 there is no restriction either for Nepalese or Indians visiting either country living and carrying on their professions in each other's country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A central Team consisting of Senior officers visited Gangtok in January, 1987 and disclosed with the Chief Minister, Sikkim, various aspects of the problem relating to stateless citizens in Sikkim.

Pak association with miltant sikh organisations in Canada

1588. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain ethnic organisations having predominant membership of Pakistanis are actively associated with the militant organisations like ISYF which are engaged in anti-India activities in Canada;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government are aware of reports indicating contacts between individuals belonging to such organisations.

(c) Government are alert to activities of organistations based abroad which are directed against India.

Coalmine accidents

1589. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J.P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rise in percentage of accidents in coal mines and the number of persons killed/injured in each such accidents during the year 1986 and how does it compare with the accidents that occurred during 1984 and 1985;

(b) what is the total amount of compensation paid to the families of the victims during 1986 as compared to the amount paid during 1984 and 1985; and

(c) what are the major causes for the rise in coal mine accidents and what measures have been taken by Government to prevent such mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) In comparison to the number of accidents which occurred in coal mines during the year 1984, there has been a decrease of 2.25 per cent in the year 1986. But as compared to the number of accidents which took place in 1985, there has been an increase of 11.98 per cent in the year 1986. In these accidents, there has been an increase of .007 per cent in the death rates per thousand worker during 1986 as compared to 1984 and an increase of .003 per cent as compared to 1985. The injury rates per thousand worker show an increase of .011 per cent

during 1986 over the rate in 1984 and an increase of .021 per cent as compared to that in 1985.

The compensation is paid by the managements as provided under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923. Information in this regard is not maintained.

The major causes for rise in coal mines accidents are fall of roof, fall of persons, fall of objects etc. The Mines Act, 1952 and rules and regulations framed thereunder contain adequate provisions for the safety of workers employed in the mines. These provisions are required to be complied with by mines management. The Director General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad and his officers enforce the statutory provisions in respect of mines safety. The Director General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to mines management from time to time for adopting Safety measures. Mines are periodically inspected by the officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety.

Sick textile mills in Bihar

1590. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sick textile mills in Bihar receiving financial assistance from the Central Government; and

(b) what are the details regarding help to be extended by the Central Government to the State Government for making these mills economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Government do not provide financial assistance to sick textile mills.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Coaches for wildlife sanctuaries

1591. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce coaches in wildlife sanctuaries in order to increase tourism in all the States;

(b) if so, the sanctuaries selected in each State and the extent of assistance likely to be given by Government to such States; and

(c) what are the names of sanctuaries selected in Bihar for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Such sanctuaries are selected on the basis of recommendations received from various States. The extent of assistance depends upon factors like the overall potentiality of each sanctuary, the facilities already available, probable requirements and the availability of funds etc. No allocation for such assistance is made on State-wise basis, but depends on merit in each case based on the factors as above. During the current plan period, however, funds have so far been released for the purchase of mini buses/jeeps/elephants for use in Wildlife Sanctuaries at Simlipal, Corbett, Dudhwa, Chilha, Kaziranga, Manas, Alwar, Ranthambor, Bharatpur, Madumalai, Sasangir, Kanha and Shivpuri.

(c) Funds were released for the purchase of trained elephants for use in Betla National Park and for mini buses for Hazari Bagh National Park in Bihar during 1981.

Report on fire in Ghana Bird Sanctuary

1592. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of inquiry Committee instituted by the State Government of Rajasthan to probe into the fire which broke out on 15th October, 1986 in the Keoladeo Ghana National Park has since been completed and if so, what are the findings thereof and the action taken by Central Government thereon; and

(b) if not, by when the report is likely to be received by Government?